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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
(CHESHIRE)



MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH'S
REPORT



FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31ST DECEMBER 1957

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(CHESHIRE)



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1957

The Public Health Officers of the District are :

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SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
ALBERT H. S. LEWIS, M.A.P.H.I.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
JOHN B. WILLIAMS, M.A.P.H.I.

Members of the Public Health and Water Committee :
(As at 31st December, 1957)

T. QUIGLEY, J.P., Chairman of the Council (ex Officio)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Bredbury and Romiley
Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT 1957

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the health of the Urban District of Bredbury and Romiley for the year ended December 31st, 1957.

I am indebted to the Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. Lewis for his help in preparing this report.

I should like to express my sincere thanks to the Chairman of the Health Committee for his great interest in the work of the Department and to members of the Health Committee for their support and encouragement. I should like to thank members of the Health Department and colleagues in other Departments for their continued co-operation.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

T. W. BRINDLE,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA—1957

Area in Acres :—

Bredbury South Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,426
Bredbury North Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	907
Romiley Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,290
Compstall Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	672
Total Acreage of Urban District							<u>4,295</u>

Estimated population at mid-year, 1957	...	18,540
Rateable value, December, 1957	...	£183,679
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate	...	£765
New houses entered in rate book during 1957		302

(a) Births 1946-57

Year	(estimated) Population to Mid-year	LIVE BIRTHS			STILL BIRTHS			Rate per 1,000 Live and Still births	
		Total	Rate per 1000 pop		Total	Rate per 1000 pop			
			Legitimate	Illegitimate		Legitimate	Illegitimate		
1946	16,780	307	290	17	13	13	—	0.77	40.62
1947	17,110	352	338	14	7	7	—	0.45	19.50
1948	17,420	265	260	5	8	7	—	0.45	28.30
1949	17,570	299	290	9	7	7	1	0.40	13.20
1950	17,800	244	239	5	6	5	1	0.34	24.0
1951	17,800	255	249	6	2	2	—	0.11	7.78
1952	17,630	228	220	8	7	7	—	0.39	29.78
1953	17,590	258	251	7	4	4	—	0.23	15.27
1954	17,990	236	231	5	4	4	—	0.22	16.66
1955	18,170	208	204	4	5	5	—	0.27	23.47
1956	18,310	235	231	4	5	5	—	0.27	20.833
1957	18,540	287	283	4	7	7	—	0.37	23.81

ENGLAND AND WALES :—

LIVE BIRTH RATE
Per 1,000 population :

1956 ... 15.7
1957 ... 16.1

STILL BIRTH RATE
Per 1,000 Live and Still Births :

1956 ... 23
1957 ... 22.4

(b) Deaths 1946-57

Year	Population (estimated) Mid-year	Total Deaths at all ages, all causes	Death Rate per 1,000 population	Total Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births	Total Maternal Deaths
1946	16,780	184	10.97	6	19.54	1
1947	17,110	208	12.16	13	20.98	—
1948	17,420	165	9.47	3	11.32	—
1949	17,570	207	11.21	7	23.10	—
1950	17,800	193	10.80	8	32.80	—
1951	17,800	249	13.98	6	23.52	—
1952	17,630	204	11.57	6	26.32	—
1953	17,590	186	10.57	5	19.38	—
1954	17,990	187	10.39	5	21.19	—
1955	18,170	183	10.07	3	14.42	—
1956	18,310	201	10.97	5	21.27	1
1957	18,540	216	11.65	5	17.42	—

ENGLAND AND WALES :—

Death Rate per 1,000 population , ...	...	...	1956 ... 11.7
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	...	...	1957 ... 11.5
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Live Births ...	...	...	1956 ... 23.8
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “	...	...	1957 ... 23

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

No.	Cause of Death	1955		1956		1957	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	...	—	1 ...	—	1 ...
2	Tuberculosis, other	—	...	—	...	—	...
3	Syphilitic Diseases	—	...	—	...	—	...
4	Diphtheria	—	...	—	...	—	...
5	Whooping Cough	—	...	—	...	—	...
6	Meningococcal Infections	—	...	—	...	—	...
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	—	...	—	...	—	...
8	Measles	—	...	—	...	—	...
9	Other Infective and Parasitic Disease	—	...	—	...	—	...
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	...	4	...	3	...
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	9	...	1	...	5	...
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	...	—	...	—	...
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	...	—	...	—	...
14	Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	13	...	9	...	14	...
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	2	...	1	...	—	...
16	Diabetes	—	...	—	...	2	...
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	11	...	16	...	25	...
18	Coronary Disease, Angina	21	...	14	...	21	...
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease	—	...	2	...	3	...
20	Other Heart Disease	10	...	8	...	11	...
21	Other Circulatory Disease	1	...	5	...	10	...
22	Influenza	2	...	1	...	—	...
23	Pneumonia	2	...	3	...	4	...
24	Bronchitis	12	...	9	...	7	...
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	...	—	...	—	...
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	...	2	...	1	...
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea .....	...	...	—	...	1	...
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	...	1	...	—	...
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	—	...	3	...	2	...
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	—	...	—	...	—	...
31	Congenital Malformations	1	...	2	...	—	...
32	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases ...	5	...	6	...	5	...
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	...	2	...	1	...
34	All Other Accidents	2	...	1	...	3	...
35	Suicide	—	...	—	...	2	...
36	Homicide and Operations of War	—	...	—	...	—	...
All Causes		99	84	91	110	121	95

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities. Examinations of Food, Milk, Water, Ice Cream and materials from patients, are carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Manchester (since 5th July, 1948. In addition bacteriological examinations are carried out when necessary at the Pathological Laboratory, Stepping Hill.

The following services are provided by the Local Health Authority and administered by the North East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

Ambulance Facilities. A 24-hour Ambulance Service is available, being provided by the Hyde Divisional Health Committee.

Nursing in the Home. There are three District Nurses in the Area who undertake general nursing and maternity work and two who practice midwifery only.

Home Help Service. Home Helps have assisted during the year in the following cases in the Bredbury and Romiley Urban District.

Miscellaneous Sickness	16
Confinement	9
Tuberculosis	—
Chronic Sick including aged and infirm	47
	—
Total ...	72
	—

Infant Welfare Centres. Sessions are held weekly at the Bredbury Centre, Lower Bents Lane; and at the Romiley Centre, Leyfield Avenue, Attendances during the year were as follows:—

Centre	New Cases		Total Attendances	
	0—1 year	0—1 year	1—2 years	2—5 years
Bredbury	158	1,906	291	280
Romiley	92	1,199	184	204

Ante-Natal Clinics. A Clinic session is held at the Bredbury Centre each week and attendances during the year are given below:

New Cases	144
Total Attendances	388

School Clinic. Held weekly at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. The school dentist attends at the Dental Centre at the Bredbury Clinic.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation. Special Clinics are held for this purpose once a month at the Bredbury and Romiley Centres. In addition immunisation is carried out free of charge by general medical practitioners.

Services Provided by the Regional Hospital Board

Hospitals. There is no hospital within the Urban District, and patients from this area are admitted to hospitals in neighbouring districts. Maternity cases requiring hospital accommodation are also admitted to hospitals outside the area. Where necessary, infectious disease cases other than smallpox are admitted to the Stockport Isolation Hospital. Facilities for smallpox cases are provided at Ellswick Leys Smallpox Hospital, Lancashire, and, at Ainsworth Smallpox Hospital, near Bury.

Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases. Special Clinics for the diagnosis and treatment of Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases are held at Stepping Hill Hospital, Stockport.

LIST OF ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Bye-laws

1	New Streets	...	...	...	...	„	19th August, 1926
2	Houses let in Lodgings	...	...	...	...	„	24th January, 1934
3	Allotment Rules	...	...	...	...	„	17th July, 1922
4	Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933	...	...	...	...	„	4th December, 1933
5	Food and Drugs Act, 1938 (Section 15)	...	...	...	...	„	1st September, 1950
6	Buildings-Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	„	18th June, 1953
7	Local Government Act, 1933 (Section 249)	...	...	...	...	„	14th August, 1954
	For the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Chester, made by Cheshire County Council with respect to the fouling of footpaths by dogs.						
8	Slaughter Houses	...	...	...	...	„	11th October, 1956
9	Clean Air Act, 1956 (Section 24)	...	...	...	...	„	12th July, 1956

Acts

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890. Adopted 25th November, 1896.
Came into operation, 1st January, 1897.

Local Government Act, 1894. Order made by L.G.B. on 17th October, 1898, conferring on the Council the power of appointing future Assistant Overseers; powers, duties and liabilities of the Vestry in each parish; powers, etc., of Overseers; certain powers of a Parish Council not already vested in the Council, viz.:—Acquisition by agreement of rights of way, and powers of directing in what custody the books, writings, papers and documents of each Parish shall be deposited.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899.
Adopted 31st January, 1900. Advances made.

Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. L.G.B. issued orders on 27th September, 1909, declaring Parts II, III and V, Sections 52 to 66 inclusive, and Section 68 of Part IV and Sections 93 and 95 of Part X, to be in force in the district on and after 15th November, 1909.

Public Health Act, 1925. Part II (with the exception of Sections 21 and 22). Part III (except Section 44) and Part IV were adopted by the Council on the 24th May, 1926, and came into effect on the 14th July, 1926. The Minister gave his consent to the adoptions of Sections 21 and 22 and Part V with effect from the 2nd August, 1926.

Provisional Orders.

- (1) For extending Bredbury, etc., 19th July, 1880. 13th September, 1902, Brinnington added to Bredbury.
- (2) (a) Land at Lower Bredbury for Sewage Disposal, 3rd July, 1894.
(b) Land at Lower Bredbury for Pumping Station, 15th July, 1897.
- (3) The Tramways Order Confirmation (No. 1) Act, 1900. (Bredbury and Romiley U.D.C. Tramways Order, 1900).

County of Chester Review Order, 1936. Part U.D. of Compstall added, to Bredbury and Romiley.

Housing Act, 1949. The Council make Advances, Guarantees and Improvement Grants under the provisions of this Act.

Cheshire County Council Act, 1953. The Act confers further powers on the Cheshire County Council and Local Authorities in the Administrative County of Chester, in relation to Lands and Highways and, the Local Government Improvement, Health and Finances of the County; to enact provisions with respect to Hairdressers' and Barbers' premises and Public Entertainment; to make further provision for the Superannuation of Employees; and for other purposes.

The main provisions of the Act came into force on 31st July, 1953. The Council, by Resolution, adopted Sections 70, 87, 115, 116, 132, 144, 145, 147(2), 148 and the powers contained in Sections 98 and 126(6) which came into operation on 1st December, 1954.

MORTUARIES

There is a modern and well-equipped mortuary situated at the Highfield Cemetery.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The Council is the Water Authority.

A bulk supply is obtained from the Stockport Corporation Water Department, from the Goyt, Kinder, Lyme Park and Longdendale sources.

There are no supplies by means of stand pipes. All supplies are direct to houses.

The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been mostly satisfactory: (a) in quality; (b) in quantity.

The supply from Longdendale enters the district from Haughton Green and serves only a small part of the area, mainly Mill Lane and Woodlands Housing Estates. Attention has been previously drawn to the fact that this water shows plumbo-solvency to an undesirable degree. Complaints of a brown discolouration of this supply are received from time to time, particularly following periods of heavy rain. The discolouration is due to suspended vegetable matter.

Houses without Public Water Supply

Bredbury District (Wells and Springs, etc.)	...	26
Romiley	"	9
Compstall	...	58

Meteorological Information

Total rainfall for year ... 32.80 inches
Maximum rainfall in 24 hours on 16th September 1.08 inches

The rainfall for 1955 was 21.96 inches and for 1956 it was 33.66 inches.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection. During 1957, the staff employed on refuse collection and disposal consisted of:—

3 Driver Loaders	1 Tip Man
1 Spare Driver Loader	1 Salvage Baler (Mechanical Press)
13 Loaders	

The vehicles in use in the department consisted of two fore and aft freighters (16/18 cu. yd. capacity), one 10 cu. yd. side loader and two 6/8 cu.yd. side loaders (one of which is held as a spare vehicle). The newer of the fore and aft tippers is equipped for emptying the bulk refuse containers used in the blocks of flats erected by Manchester Corporation. This vehicle was placed in service on the 1st July, 1957.

The frequency of the dustbin collection varied during the year, most delay occurring during mid-winter, owing to inclement weather, short hours of daylight and sickness, and during the holiday period. The most frequent collection was made in the autumn, when bins were cleared at intervals of 6 to 9 days.

Besides emptying dustbins, the department has the duty of emptying and disposing of the contents of pail closets, cesspools and ashpits in the district.

As in 1956, overtime was worked by the men employed in the department throughout the year in order to provide a reasonable service to the public.

Refuse Disposal. Refuse is tipped on land, in Ashton Road, Bredbury, thus reclaiming and levelling the site of old clay pits. Drainage work to prevent flooding of the area was carried out during the year.

In September, an Aveling Barford calf dozer was purchased to assist in the operation of the tip and has shown its value in labour saving and greater efficiency.

A charge of 3/6 per load is made for the tipping of trade waste, contractors' rubbish, etc.

Infestation of the tip with rats, crickets and flies occurred at intervals and appropriate action was taken to deal with the infestations.

Salvage. Salvageable materials such as paper, rags and metal are collected in trailers attached to the refuse collection vehicles and are separated and baled at the Salvage Depot, Ashton Road. One hand press and one mechanical press are used for the purpose.

Details of materials collected and the income received are in the following tables. A substantial increase in the weight of paper and metal salvaged will be noted, whilst the quantity of textiles varies very little.

Salvage collected during 1957 was:—

	tons	cwts.	qtrs.			£	s.	d.
Waste Paper	273	4	2	...	...	1,980	19	0
Rags, Carpets and Sacking, etc. ...	10	10	3	...	...	179	2	9
Scrap Metal	22	8	3	...	...	108	12	5
Total for 1957	306	4	0	...	...	£2,268	14	2

Details of materials salvaged during last five years

	1953		1954		1955		1956		1957	
	tons	price	tons	price	tons	price	tons	price	tons	price
		£		£		£				£
Paper	154½	858	185	1203	204	1695	237	1818	273	1981
Rags, Carpets, etc	7½	150	7	142	10¼	184	10¾	182	10½	179
Scrap Metal	7	32	6½	22	10½	95	13¼	63	22½	108
Totals	169	1040	198½	1367	224¾	1974	261	2063	306	2268

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION

Year	Loads	Ashpits	Ashbins	Pails	Cesspools
1948	2,856	996	171,265	10,761	20
1949	3,005	949	152,826	10,266	19
1950	2,610	907	151,036	10,004	19
1951	2,887	1,065	154,234	9,967	19
1952	2,840	992	161,532	11,244	21
1953	2,905	559	166,845	11,599	17
1954	2,835	392	160,489	11,328	19
1955	2,899	411	178,364	11,571	17
1956	2,608	489	204,208	12,071	17
1957	2,186	605	219,993	10,125	15

Petroleum (Regulations) Act, 1928 and 1936

Duties in connection with the storage of petroleum are carried out by the Health Department under the above Acts.

Number of licences issued, to store petrol during 1957 ... 35

Total quantity of petrol covered by licences ... 79,920 galls.

Total amount of fees paid £31 0 0

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public or privately owned swimming baths or pools in the district of Bredbury and Romiley. Residents of this area use the public baths in the neighbouring areas of Marple, Hyde and Stockport.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

1956				1957
6374	...	Flush Water Closets	...	6684
219	...	Waste Water Closets	...	209
220	...	Pail Closets	...	220
19	...	Wet Privies	...	19
16	...	Dry Ashpits	...	16
6402	...	Sanitary Ashbins	...	6704
27	...	Septic Tanks	...	26

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

The sanitary accommodation of thirteen Public Halls, Cinemas, etc., was inspected, all complied with the regulations, and certificates were granted by the Council.

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Council are members of the National Smoke Abatement Society and the Manchester and District Regional Smoke Abatement Committee. The latter Committee comprises Local Authorities within a radius of 15 miles from Manchester.

During the year 41 observations and inspections were made of factory chimneys and boiler installations in the district. Where excessive smoke emission was found, the factory was visited by an officer of the Council for the purpose of warning and giving advice with a view to abating the nuisance.

RODENT CONTROL

The Council employs one Rodent Operative. All types of properties have been inspected during the year and treatments carried out where infestations were discovered.

The Council's refuse tip at Ashton Road and the sewage works were treated periodically. There were two sewer treatments and a 10% test during the year.

All infestations of rats and mice in dwelling houses are treated free of charge. In the case of business premises, a charge is made to cover the cost of materials and labour and in some cases, an annual contract has been made with the firm concerned.

The Rodent Operative commenced in April to assist Marple U.D.C. in rodent control work for two half days per week. No very heavy infestations were found in Bredbury and Romiley area, which indicates the success of a continuous system of control.

Summary of Work Done in 1957

No. of Inspections carried out ...	Local Authority	Private	Business	Total
	136	216	230	582
No. of Treatments ...	21	59	39	119

Warfarin has been used in all treatments other than sewers.
Permanent baiting points are maintained at some premises.

Sewer Treatments

Date	Number of Manholes	Number Infested
4-3-57	73 (10% Test)	7
28-3-57	174	17
9-9-57	121	11

Agricultural Properties

27 farms were inspected.

SECTION D

HOUSING

1 Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year		houses
(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	205
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	428
(2)	Dwelling houses unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit.	
(a)	Number found during the year	50
(b)	Number (or estimated number) at end of year	158
(3)	Number of dwelling houses found during the year not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit	60
2 Clearance Areas (Housing Acts, 1936 and 1957)		
(1)	Number of dwelling houses demolished during year	
(a)	Unfit houses	—
(b)	Other houses	—
(2)	Number of persons displaced	48
3 Houses not included in clearance areas		No. of persons houses displaced
(1)	Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1), Housing Act, 1957	3 7
(2)	Unfit houses closed	
(a)	Under Section 16 (4) 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	7 25
(b)	Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	— —
(c)	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957	— —
(3)	Repairs during the year	No. of houses
(a)	Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts	22
(b)	Public Health Acts—action after service of formal notice—houses in which defects were remedied	—
(i)	By owners	7
(ii)	By local authority in default of owners	—
(c)	Housing Act, 1936—action after service of formal notice (Sections 9, 10, 11 and 16): Houses made fit	—
(i)	By owners	—
(ii)	By local authority in default of owners	1

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Pre-war Houses (owned by Council)	613
House Subsidised 1923 Act, Private Enterprise	280
Advances made in respect of houses	29
Houses and flats built since 1945 (by Council)	870
Houses erected—Private Enterprise (since 1945)	337

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

(1) Meat Inspection

There are six licensed slaughter houses in the Urban District. All animals slaughtered on these premises are inspected by the council's inspectors. Details are given in the following table.

Statistical Details of the work undertaken during the year as follows:

		Cattle Excluding Cows		Cows		Calves		Sheep and Lambs		Pigs
No. Inspected	.....	821	...	188	...	35	...	4219	...	164

No. Condemned

All Diseases except Tuberculosis

Whole Carcasses Condemned	.....	—	...	1	...	1	...	—	...	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned		31	...	10	...	1	...	9	...	1
Percentage affected with disease other than T.B.	.....	3.77%	...	5.32%	...	2.85%	...	0.21%	...	0.6%

Tuberculosis only

Whole Carcasses Condemned	.....	—	...	—	...	—	...	—	...	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned		47	...	33	...	—	...	—	...	9
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis		5.7%	...	17.5%	...	—	...	—	...	5.5%

Cysticercosis

Carcasses of which some part or organ was Condemned		1	...	1	...	—	...	—	...	—
Carcasses submitted to Treatment by Refrigeration		1	...	1	...	—	...	—	...	—
Generalised and totally Condemned		—	..	—	...	—	...	—	...	—

(2) Food Inspection

During routine visits to Food Premises, quantities of meat and other foods were examined and found to be fit for human consumption.

The following foodstuffs were, however, condemned as being unfit for human food and accordingly voluntarily surrendered to the Inspector concerned:

Tinned Ham	...	...	...	305 lbs.
„ Chicken	...	...	...	18½lbs.
„ Veal	...	...	...	6 lbs.
„ Luncheon Meat	...	...	...	13 lbs.
„ Corned Beef	...	...	...	36¾lbs.
„ Tongue (Lamb)	...	...	...	1½lbs.
„ Tongue (Ox)	...	...	...	6 lbs.
„ Chopped Pork	...	...	...	16 lbs.
„ Stewed Steak	...	...	...	10 lbs.
„ Tomatoes	...	...	...	14 lbs.
„ Peas	...	...	...	11½lbs.
„ Butter Beans	...	...	...	2 lbs.
„ Baked Beans	...	...	...	6 lbs.
„ Green Beans	...	...	...	5¾lbs.
„ Baked Beans with pork sausage	...	...	...	½lb.
„ Evaporated Milk	...	...	...	16½lbs.
„ Chicken Soup	...	...	...	2¾lbs.
„ Pilchards	...	...	...	2¼lbs.
„ Salmon	...	...	...	5 lbs.
„ Oranges	...	...	...	19¼lbs.
„ Peaches	...	...	...	49¾lbs.
„ Pineapples	...	...	...	41 lbs.
„ Grapefruit	...	...	...	7½lbs.
„ Strained Prunes	...	...	...	1¾lbs.
„ Fruit Salad	...	...	...	3 lbs.
„ Cream	...	...	...	¾lb.
Ground Almonds	...	...	...	3½lbs.
Cod	...	...	...	73 lbs.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned meat from Slaughterhouses is sent for treatment in approved premises for fertilizers and animal foodstuff. Other condemned food is dealt with either by incineration or burial on the Council's tip.

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

No. of Food Premises

Grocers	...	...	...	...	42
Butchers	...	...	...	...	16
Greengrocers & Fish	...	...	...	...	20
Sweets & Confectionery	...	...	...	...	11
Fish & Chips	...	...	...	...	6
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	...	98

No. of Inspections of Food Premises — 156

Food Poisoning

During the year no notifications of Food Poisoning were received.

Outbreaks

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning in the district in 1957.

(3) Sampling for Adulterated Foods

The Chief Inspector (Mr. Stacey Hallard) Weights and Measure Department, Cheshire County Council, reports on the number and types of samples obtained in the Urban District and submitted to the Public Analyst during the year ended 31st December, 1957, as follows:

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

List of samples obtained during the year ending 31st December, 1957

	Number of samples obtained.				Number of samples Reported against.	
Butter	1	...	...
Castor Oil	1	...	...
Cheese Spread	1	...	...
Cloves, Ground	1	...	...
Cod Liver Oil	2	...	...
Flour, plain	1	...	...
Gherkins, pickled	1	...	...
Glycerine, Lemon & Honey	1	...	...
Jam	1	...	...
Lemon Juice	1	...	...
Lentils	1	...	...
Milk	32	...	3
Mint Jelly	1	...	1
Parsley, dried and rubbed	1	...	...
Peel, cut, mixed	1	...	...
Pimento, ground	1	...	...
Puff Pastry	1	...	...
Sardines	1	...	...
Stewed Steak	1	...	...
Sugar, demerara	1	...	...
Sweets, Lime Juice & Soda	1	...	...
Zing & Castor Oil Cream	1	...	...
				54		4

Details of samples reported against

No. Sample	Result of Analysis	Remarks
1 Milk	Genuine but abnormal. 1.1% deficient in non-fatty solids	No action
2 Milk	3.5% of extraneous water	Supplier cautioned
3 Milk	Genuine but abnormal 2.3% deficient in non-fatty solids	No action
4 Mint Jelly	Mint Jelly not conforming to the requirements of the Labelling of Food Order, 1953. Statements of ingredients on label was not in order although the actual Mint Jelly was genuine.	Manufacturers cautioned

(4) Manufacture and Sale of Ice Cream

There are 45 premises registered for the sale or the storage of ice cream intended for sale within the district.

MILK SUPPLY

With the inception of the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944, on the 1st October, 1949, responsibility for the supervision of the production of milk was transferred from Local Authorities to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The distribution of milk continues to be supervised by the Local Authority's Officers.

At 31st December, 1957, there were 36 Milk Distributors and 2 Dairies other than Dairy Farms on our Registers.

Samples of milk were procured at the dairies and "in course of delivery" for bacteriological examinations and biological testing.

The following table gives details of the 46 samples taken during the year:

Methylene Blue Test			Turbidity Test		Phosphatase Test		Biological Test	
Passed	Void	Failed	Passed	Failed	Passed	Failed	Positive	Negative
31	3	1	6	—	26	—	—	12

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949

The following Licences under the above Regulations were granted during the year:

DEALERS

Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	12
Sterilised	...	...	...	...	...	27
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	...	7

SUPPLEMENTARY

Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	6
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	5
Sterilised	...	...	...	...	5

SECTION F

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases notified during 1957:

Disease	No.
Scarlet Fever	12
Small Pox	—
Diphtheria	—
Enteric (including Paratyphoid Fever)	—
Erysipelas	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—
Pneumonia	6
Cerebro Spinal Fever	—
Dysentery	—
Measles	194
Whooping Cough	10
Encephalitis Lethargica	—
Food Poisoning	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Meningitis	1
Malaria	1
Total	225

ANALYSIS OF AGE PERIODS (ALL DISEASES - 1957)

Diseases	Total No.	under 1 yr.	1-2 years	3-4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-24 years	25 and over	age unknown
Scarlet Fever	12	—	2	2	7	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	10	—	1	4	5	—	—	—	—
Measles	194	4	41	75	72	1	—	—	1
Meningitis	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	217	5	44	81	84	2	—	—	1

Diseases	Total No.	under 5 years	5-14 years	15-44 years	45-64 years	65 and over	age unknown
Pneumonia	6	—	1	1	4	—	—
Malaria	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
Total ...	8	—	1	3	4	—	—

Vaccination							
Age at		Number Vaccinated					
under 5		82
5-14		7
15 and over		8
							<hr/> 97 <hr/>

Re-Vaccination							
Age at		Number Vaccinated					
under 5		2
5-14		2
15 and over		33
							<hr/> 37 <hr/>

Diphtheria Immunisation							
Age at		Number Immunised					
under 5		161
5-14		32
15 and over		—
							<hr/> 193 <hr/>
Re-immunised		299

Whooping Cough Immunisation							
Age at		Number Immunised					
under 5		146
5-14		8
15 and over		—
							<hr/> 154 <hr/>

TUBERCULOSIS

(a) Cases on Register

	MALES			FEMALES			Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary		
Cases on Register							
31st Dec., 1957	67	19	.....	50	28	...	164
Cases notified							
during 1957	3	—	.....	2	—	...	5
Cases added to							
Register other							
than by formal							
notification	2	—	.....	3	—	...	5
Totals	72	19	.....	55	28	...	174
Cases removed							
from Register							
during 1957	2	11	.....	3	—	...	6
Cases remaining							
on Register at							
31st Dec., 1957	70	18	.....	52	28	...	168

(b) Particulars of persons removed from Register

	MALES				FEMALES				Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Died	2	...	—	.....	—	...	—	...	2
Recovered	—	...	1	.....	1	...	—	...	2
Left District ...	—	...	—	.....	2	...	—	...	2
Lost sight of ...	—	...	—	.....	—	...	—	...	—
Totals	2	...	1	.....	3	...	—	...	6

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1957

Age Period	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	MALES Pulmonary	MALES Non-Pulmonary	FEMALES Pulmonary	FEMALES Non-Pulmonary	MALES Pulmonary	MALES Non-Pulmonary	FEMALES Pulmonary	FEMALES Non-Pulmonary
0— 1 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— 5 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—25 „	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—35 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35—45 „	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
45—55 „	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
55—65 „	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 yrs.	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Totals.....	3	—	2	—	2	—	—	2

Total Number of Cases on the Register at 31st December, 1957

	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary
Males	70	18
Females	52	28
Totals ...	122	46

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part I of the Act

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on register	Inspections	Number of Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	—	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	78	45	4	—
(iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (exclud- ing outworkers' premises)	7	12	—	—
Total ...	85	57	4	—

Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which proceedings were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Insp.	by H.M. Insp.	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp. (S3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate vent. (S4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	8	5	—	2	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	8	5	—	2	—



